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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to initiation of the prosecution of the above-identified pending U.S. patent application, the following remarks are respectfully submitted.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

CLEAN COPY OF AMENDED SPECIFICATION PARAGRAPHS:

A1 [0033] The transport routines that control the functionality of the wafer transfer system 33 and generate the graphic user interface are preferably software stored in memory 67 and are executed by the microprocessor 65. The wafer transport routines or logic are used to perform all operations related to unloading unprocessed wafers 25 from a cassette 49, transferring the unloaded wafers to the prealigner 41, transferring the wafers 25 to the table with pin lift 43 for placement on the wafer carrier 27 and the reverse operations. The wafer transfer

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